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PANACEAS IN PAPER?

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They are almost impossible to handle — even if worth the effort and cost. Most of them have poor reputations. They are cheap, and they cheapen. They are difficult to keep looking well, and are unsightly to begin with. They create annoying problems far beyond their worth. No, they won't do!

These are opinions (somewhat paraphrased) expressed by some librarians when approached on the matter of the juvenile delinquent of the book world -- the paperback. Few subjects are apparently capable of generating so much ire among the usually gentle breed of librarians as this.

And yet despite the prevalence of contempt for these denizens of the corner drugstore and newsstand, 41 of the 67 libraries which replied to a recent questionnaire concerning their use and handling of paperbacks, confessed that they were present in their collections in varying amounts and for varying reasons. (See Kirkus, E.C. "Paperback expendables" Library Journal, 79:2059-62, 11/1/54.)

Some of the reasons are quite obvious. They were gifts, but undoubtedly even the most expensive paperback is cheaper than most clothbounds. Because this is so, they are more easily countenanced as expendable. Also they can be bought in large quantities to fill immediate, ad hoc needs such as reducing long waiting lists for popular titles or for saving wear and tear on the permanent, basic collection.

There are, however, more compelling reasons for library interest in paperbacks. With hundreds of millions of copies of new titles being made available every year via hundreds of thousands of sales outlets in all parts of the country, they are, ipso facto, rather difficult to ignore. If librarians persist in refusing their shelves to these shiny minions, they run the risk of further reducing the already small portion of our population which reads books and resorts to libraries to

obtain them -- even if these books are only mysteries, westerns, or science fiction. Why bother to go to the library if it doesn't have the books wanted? And besides, the supermarket does, and is open longer and during more convenient hours.

The popularity of paperbacks, it would seem, provides librarians an unaccustomed degree of leverage in restoring part at least of the clientele which has most recently been further decimated by television.

With an increasing number of paperback publishers coming voluntarily over to the side of the angels by issuing a greater proportion of "better" books, classics of both literature and scholarship in a wide variety of fields either as reprints or originals, librarians have still greater reason to think seriously of ways of exploiting them to the full. Certainly, in a growing number of instances, there is precious little choice. Every librarian is aware of the fact that many of the most desirable books are available only in paperback editions, as for example is the case with James Joyce, Portrait of the artist... . It is often distressing to me in my experience with the Reprint Expediting Service which was created by the American Library Association to assist librarians in obtaining publisher cooperation in reprinting out-of-print books, to note the generally adverse response of libraries to the possibility of bringing the books back in paperback editions. The response is usually so overwhelmingly adverse as to give a paperback publisher pause, and a book which might have become available in this form, continues to stay o.p. while librarians continue to hunt for secondhand copies in the expensive antiquarian market.

However, as indicated above, the rejection is not complete. Librarians have been making ingenious use of paperbacks, accommodating them to a diversity of local conditions and needs.

Thus, for example, in tourist towns in such locales as Florida where the population changes with the seasons, enterprising librarians have enticed vacationers into their libraries by offering paperbacks on an informal come-and-get-them, and-bring-them-back-when-you're-ready basis. Others have used them with Great Books discussion or other adult education groups. Libraries located in small towns lacking sales outlets for the better-quality paperbacks have undertaken, public-relations-wise, to buy them in quantity for sale over the circulation desk or in a special room set aside for the purpose. Many college librarians have had reason to be grateful for their existence as a solution to the reserve-book problem, while librarians, whether in colleges or public libraries, have utilized their attractiveness, colorfulness and portability to help establish the reading habit among otherwise indifferent souls. This last may be effectively accomplished by means of tie-in promotions with current motion pictures, plays, voguish personalities or special events. The possibilities seem almost infinite.

Because they are cheap and expendable, they can be added to the collection without the costs attendant on acquisitioning, cataloging, etc.

Rebinding need not be a problem since badly used copies can be discarded without wincing. The paperback therefore offers itself as a very flexible instrument — a characteristic not usually associated with its more respectable clothbound brother. This is often reflected in the apparently greater willingness of many readers to borrow the informal paperback rather than risk the same title in hard covers.

That the presence of paperbacks in quantity in libraries creates many and annoying problems is undoubted, but whether a library chooses to catalog or not to catalog them, to buy them with rebinding in mind or not, is relatively unimportant when compared to the larger, more fundamental problem of attracting and keeping a library-conscious readership. While paperbacks do not in themselves guarantee such an accomplishment, they nevertheless seem to offer an encouraging assist towards this goal.

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Editor's Note: Aaron Fessler has effectively stated the case for paperbacks. What has been your experience with them if you have had them in your library — or your attitude toward them if you haven't? We would like an expression of opinion to air in The Bookmark as a service to the librarians of the State. Write to The Bookmark, New York State Library, Albany 1, New York.

Recent Books

A SELECTION

Suggested by Book Information Section
Florence Boochever, Editor — Laura E. McDowell

Recommendations: *of first interest; Y for young people; P for prisons; R for reformatories; H for mental hospitals.

Nonfiction

YP *Allegro, J.M. The Dead Sea scrolls and the origins of Christianity.
RH Criterion Bks. $4.
The Professor of Comparative Semitic Philology at Manchester University presents a readable volume for the general public on "the extent and importance of recent discoveries in this area." Photographs. Bibliography, general and Biblical indexes. 221.44

YP Anstruther, Ian. Dr. Livingstone, I presume? Dutton. $3.95.
R Vivid, carefully researched biography of Henry Morton Stanley, born John Rowland, who combined many admirable traits with serious defects, making him "a strange little man, and a difficult one." Map, photographs. Appendix, notes and references, index. B or 92

YP *Architectural forum, eds. Building, U.S.A.; the men and methods that
RH influence architecture in America today. McGraw-Hill. $3.95.
This nicely printed square book explains to the layman the interlocking roles of real estate operator, lender, contractor, labor force, manufacturer, engineer, corporate client, the public and the architect "in the tough and beguiling enterprise of building." Well illustrated. 720.973

*Bacon, E.S. Your child's teeth; a guide for parents. Dutton. $2.50.
An excellent little book giving concise, practical information on the teething process, home care and a continuous dental health program. Drawings. Questions and answers. 613.49

YP *Berle, A.A. Jr. Tides of crisis; a primer of foreign relations.
RH Reynal. $4.
"Non-technical, somewhat conversational introduction to problems of foreign affairs," discussing critical world areas and the 20th century technological progress that has forced interdependence among nations and demands a rethinking of American policies. Index. 327.73

Berlin, Mrs. E.M. Silver platter. Doubleday. $4.95.
As she tells of her grandmother's early days in New York City, hard years in the West and second marriage to highly successful John Mackay which brought international fame, Ellin Berlin evokes America's past along with a portrait of an indomitable woman. Photographs. B or 92

YP *Bishop, J.A. The day Christ died. Harper. $3.95.
RH Hour-by-hour depiction in journalistic, but entirely reverent style of Jesus' final day from the Last Supper to the entombment, interspersed with background chapters entitled, "The Jewish World", "Jesus" and "The Roman World". Bibliography. 232.96

P Bryant, Arthur. The turn of the tide; a history of the war years based on the diaries of Field-Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Doubleday. $6.95.
The first of two volumes providing an important, detailed and absorbing record of strategy and personalities in World War II. Maps, photographs. Bibliography, index. 940.53

Burke, T.J.M., ed. Beyond all horizons; Jesuits and the missions. Hanover. $3.75.
What Jesuit missionaries have done in the past and are doing today is the subject of an interesting symposium giving insight into their common purpose, intensive training, diversified work and accomplishments. No index. 271

YP Busch, Fritz-Otto. Holocaust at sea; the drama of the Scharnhorst;
R tr. from the German. Rinehart. $3.50.
An authentic, stirring account of the sinking of a valiant battleship, based on both German and English sources. Photographs. Bibliography, index. 940.545

YP Busson, Bernard, & Leroy, Gerard. The last secrets of the earth; tr.
RH by Kenneth Hare. Putnam. $3.50.
Two French journalists discuss such subjects as flying saucers, underwater exploration, volcanoes, the Abominable Snowman and the coelacanth, impartially reviewing the controversial opinions about these unexplained mysteries. Maps, photographs. 550

YP *Carrington, Richard. Mermaids and mastodons; a book of natural & un-
RH natural history. Rinehart. $3.95.
Fascinating collection of "unusual and romantic" facts and fancies about fabulous creatures, living and extinct, written popularly but authentically by a noted British natural scientist. Photographs, drawings. Bibliography, index. 590.883

YP *Chiang Kai-Shek (Chiang Chung-Cheng). Soviet Russia in China; a sum-
RH ming-up at seventy. Farrar. $5.
The President of the Republic of China lucidly traces the growth of communism in his country, analyzes the successes and failures of the world's struggle against communism and urges the free nations to use fully human and material resources to check aggression and ensure lasting peace. Appendix, index. (Pub. date: June 24) 957

YP Coffman, F.L. 1001 lost, buried or sunken treasures; facts for treas-
RH ure hunters. Nelson. $5.
Provides a fund of authentic information about the hidden land and marine wealth in the United States, Mexico and South America, including advice on equipment for salvage and prospecting, treasure trove laws and a list of sunken ships in the Western hemisphere. Photographs. 910.45

YP *Day, Mrs. B.F. Glacier pilot. Holt. $4.50.
RH Told in flavorsome idiom, "the story of Bob Reeve and the flyers who pushed back Alaska's air frontiers" (subtitle) centers in an adventurous career from bush pilot to head of Reeve Aleutian Airways. Endpaper map, photographs. 629.13

Dorf, Philip. Liberty Hyde Bailey; an informal biography. Cornell Univ. $3.50.
Anecdotal, factual narration of the background and long, eventful life of the beloved Dean of the College of Agriculture at Cornell University who combined the achievements of scientist, teacher, author, editor, world traveler and practical idealist. Frontispiece. Appendix, notes, bibliography, index. B or 92

PR Duggan, A.L. Devil's brood. Coward-McCann. $5.
Delightfully written history of the house of Anjou, of vigorous Henry II and beautiful Eleanor of Aquitaine, and of the turbulent 12th century with its intrigues, wars, feudal laws and chivalry. Chapter heads. Bibliography. 942.031

Eaton, Quaintance. Opera caravan; adventures of the Metropolitan on tour, 1883-1956. Farrar. $7.
Vivacious, informing report of the Metropolitan Opera Company's visits to 51 cities in the United States, two in Canada and one in Europe. Photographs. Tour casts listed chronologically, tour chronology by cities, index. 782

YP *Ford, Robert. Wind between the worlds. McKay. $4.50.
R A British radio operator, employed by the Tibetan government in Lhasa and Chamdo, unsensationally describes his friendly relations with the Dalai Lama and the natives, his capture by the Chinese Communists in 1950 and eventual release after five years of brainwashing. 915.15

YP *Hall, R.W. & Beitler, E.P. How to read the Bible. Lippincott. $2.95.
RH Excellent introduction to "the country's unread bestseller," simply written for the person who is reading the Bible for the first time. Maps. Appendixes. 220

Hook, Sidney. Common sense and the fifth amendment. Criterion. $3.
From the liberal standpoint, this incisive, challenging analysis considers the logical, psychological, ethical and political aspects of the "privilege against self-incrimination." Appendixes. 328.34

*Johnson, Mrs. June. Home play for the preschool child; a book of creative crafts and activities. Harper. $2.95.
A wealth of imaginative suggestions that have grown from the author's experiences with her children, for indoors and outdoors, for the home or a neighborhood group. Photographs, drawings. 649.5

YP *Kauffeld, C.F. Snakes and snake hunting. Hanover. $3.95.
R The Curator of Reptiles at the Staten Island Zoo has covered most of North America in his search for both dangerous and harmless snakes and his anecdotal account of field trips includes helpful suggestions for the amateur herpetologist. Photographs. Index. 598.12

Levenson, J.C. The mind and art of Henry Adams. Houghton. $6.
Brilliant, imaginatively researched interpretation of the philosopher, historian and artist that seeks to determine his "enduring value" and meaning for our age. Photographs. References, index. B or 92

McCarthy, Mrs. M.T. Memories of a Catholic girlhood. Harcourt. $3.95.
Autobiographical sketches linked together by a preface "To the Reader" wittily detail the noted writer's mixed Catholic, Jewish and Protestant heritage and her adventures at different schools. Photographs. Six of the chapters appeared originally in The New Yorker. B or 92

YP *Marron, Mrs. Eugenie. Albacora; the search for the giant broadbill;
RH ed. by Roger Kahn. Random. $3.75.
Lively account of the author's "fish safaris" with her husband during 30 years, centered in their latest successful cruise to the Chilean coast in quest of marlin and other specimens for scientific study. Photographs. 799.17

YP Matthews, H.L. The yoke and the arrows; a report on Spain. Braziller.
R $3.75.
The distinguished New York Times reporter who has visited Spain three times since 1939 writes scrupulously and perceptively of the Civil War and its background, Franco and his regime, relations with America, the church and the future. 946
PR King without castles, by L.H. Crockett (Rand McNally. $3.95. 914.6) is a woman's discerning eye view of Spain during nine months of travel by car "into its every corner," and talk with men and women of all types and faiths. Sketches by the author.

Y *Meyer, Mrs. E.P. Go it alone, lady! the woman's guide to European travel. Harper. $3.50.
Stressing the independence and fun of solo tours, informal chapters supplement the information found in the usual guidebooks with practical suggestions based on firsthand experience. Drawings. Appendix, index. 914

Miller, Arthur. Collected plays. Viking. $4.95.
A thoughtful introduction by the leading playwright prefaces a complete printing of All my sons, Death of a salesman, The curcible, A memory of two Mondays and A view from the bridge. 812.5
The potting shed; a play in three acts, by Graham Greene (Viking. $3. 822.91) deals dramatically with religion and faith as the mystery of a middle-aged man's years before 14 becomes gradually clear and his estrangement from his family ends.

YP Morris, James. Sultan in Oman; venture into the Middle East. Pantheon.
RH $3.50.
Reflecting "the changing pattern of power in the Middle East," this admirably written book by the English author of As I Saw the U.S.A. (1955) details his unusual adventure accompanying the Sultan of Muscat and Oman on a motor journey through his remote domain. Maps, photographs. 915.3

Moss, Howard. A swimmer in the air. Scribner. $3.
Awareness of nature and the modern world, love and compassion mark finely wrought poems, often shot through with wit and irony. 811.5

New York University Press, comp. New York City guide and almanac, 1957-1958. New York Univ. $2.75; 85¢ soft cover (distrib. by N.Y. Daily News)
Crammed with historic facts and current statistics valuable to prospective visitor or for reference. Maps, photographs. Index. R917.471

PR *Nichols, Beverley. Sunlight on the lawn. Dutton. $3.75.
H Mixing delightful garden lore with engaging reports of the doings in an English village, the third of the Merry Hall series finds the author in search of an appropriate sundial and "nice balustrade" for his estate. Drawings. 635.9

YP Nicholson, Margaret. A dictionary of American-English usage. Oxford
RH Univ. $5.
An adaptation that does not take the place of Fowler's Modern English usage, but is useful for new words and idioms and examples of American speech and writing. R423

Y *Potous, P.L. My enemy, the crocodile; the strange story of Africa's deadliest business. W. Funk. $3.50.
A professional hunter, the author makes his living selling crocodile skins and here modestly recounts his hazardous adventures in Nyasaland where he spends half of each year in pursuit of his trade. Endpaper map, photographs. 598.14

YP *Rebuffat, Gaston. Starlight and storm; tr. by Wilfrid Noyce and Sir
RH John Hunt. Dutton. $5.50.
"The ascent of six great north faces of the Alps with a section on the technique of mountain climbing" (subtitle) by one of the conquerors of Annapurna whose experiences taught him "the true perspective of living." Maps, photographs. Glossary, index. 796.52

YP Roghi, Gianni, & Baschieri, Francesco. Dahlak; with the Italian Na-
RH tional Underwater Expedition in the Red Sea; tr. from the Italian. Essential Bks. $6.
Informal account of the group's adventures exploring this coral sea, with interesting descriptions of methods and equipment and the valuable biological specimens obtained. Photographs, many in color. Appendix. 574.927

Rosenteur, P.I. Morpheus and me; the complete book of sleep. Funk. $3.95.
Evidencing reportorial research, this entertaining, somewhat flippantly written book packs into one compass a vast amount of facts and potentialities about the composition and art of sleeping. 613.79

YP *Sayre, F.B. Glad adventure. Macmillan. $6.
RH The autobiography of a distinguished public servant whose career included various diplomatic assignments which led to the conviction that international aims can be changed "from purely selfish interests... to the welfare and progress of all mankind." Photographs. Index. B or 92

YP *Schreider, Mrs. Helen, & Schreider, Frank. 20,000 miles south; a Pan
RH American adventure. Doubleday. $3.95.

How the Schreiders, with their dog, Dinah, realized their dream of driving from the Arctic Circle to Tierra del Fuega in a 15-foot amphibious jeep, encountering almost impassible land and sea barriers on the 18-month trek makes a thrilling, unusual travelogue. Maps, photographs, drawings. 917

*Schubert, Jack, & Lapp, R.E. Radiation: what it is and how it affects you. Viking. $3.95.
Citing examples, this serious study by two scientists warns the layman of the misuse of x-rays and radium and the hazards of atomic energy, urging the establishment of a National Radiation Control Service to safeguard public health. Glossary, bibliography, index. 612.01

Schwartz, H.W. Bands of America. Doubleday. $5.
Colorful, authentic history, with vivid pen portraits of bandmasters over the years and descriptions of memorable performances. Illustrations. Index. 788

YP *Sharp, D.L. Why teach? Holt. $4.
RH A collection of more than 100 inspirational articles by leading men and women in various fields "concerning their views on teaching, the influence of teachers on their own lives, or the satisfactions to be derived from teaching as a profession." Biographical introductions, index. 370.973

Speaight, R.W. The life of Hilaire Belloc. Farrar. $6.50.
Written at the request of Belloc's literary executors, this full-length biography uses frequent quotations to portray with objectivity and sympathy the personality and work of "a highly controversial figure." Photographs. Bibliography, index. B or 92

Tooze, Mrs. Ruth. Your children want to read; a guide for teachers and parents. Prentice-Hall. $5.
A rich, constructive delving into the vital issue of reading in a world of increased tempo, with book suggestions for various age levels by the Director, Children's Book Caravan. Photographs. 028.5

YP Ward, Barbara. The interplay of East and West; point of conflict and
RH co-operation. Norton. $3.50.
In a remarkably clear discussion of the development of Eastern and Western philosophy, government and economy, moral unity is held out as the basis for the survival of freedom. Index. 327

West, R.B., Jr. Kingdom of the saints; the story of Brigham Young and the Mormons. Viking. $6.
This well-written narrative by one of Mormon background interprets the beliefs and actions of a unique society from the time of its founding to the present. Endpaper map, photographs. Bibliography, index. 289.309

Wylie, Philip. The innocent ambassadors. Rinehart. $4.95.
One of "the most outspoken of American authors" traveled around the world with his wife and his arresting report shows the imperative need for "effective countermeasures against the Red religion." Index. 910.41

Fiction

PR *Bassett, S.W. The girl in the blue pinafore. Doubleday. $2.95.
H How serene Lydia in her family home on Cape Cod nurses back to health a strange artist who paints her portrait, takes in some German refugees and finds a life companion is told in pleasant, predictable escape fiction.

YP *Colver, Mrs. A.M.R. There is a season. Dodd. $3.50.
RH Spanning the years 1756-70 in Stockbridge, Mass. and Charlestown, S.C., the sequel to The measure of the years (1954) centers in Mary Martin's ill-fated elopement with a handsome, irresponsible peddler and her later happy marriage to dependable, Scottish Alex. Feminine appeal.

Cost, March, pseud. Her Grace presents... Lippincott. $3.50.
In memoirs about to be published, there is a chapter on the life of the lovely Duchess of Dunster which should be deleted, as this fascinating, sophisticated novel reveals in flashbacks.

Faulkner, William. The town. Random. $3.95.
The insidious Snopes with their mean, sly ways are seen rising to power in the town of Jefferson, Yoknapatapha County, in this detailed, subjective narrative, second in a planned trilogy begun with The hamlet (1940). Adult reading.

Hale, Mrs. Nancy. Heaven and Hardpan Farm. Scribner. $3.75.
Entertaining goings-on at a small sanatorium in the country presided over by a wise, little doctor are relayed in six chapters, most of which appeared originally in The New Yorker.

YP Jhabvala, Mrs. R.P. The nature of passion. Norton. $3.75.
RH Intimate, mischievous portrayal of a newly rich family in modern India, dominated by the shrewd, portly father who finds a suitable match for his lovely, educated daughter and employment for his restless son.

YP *Kennedy, Lucy. Mr. Audubon's Lucy. Crown. $3.95.
RH Told partly through letters, this is a vivid, 19th century, biographical novel about Lucy Bakewell of Fatlands, Pennsylvania, who marries and encourages the talented Frenchman, John James Audubon.

PR LaFarge, Oliver. A pause in the desert; a collection of short stories. Houghton. $3.50.
With clarity and emphasis, 16 brief tales give insight into pervading moods and motives. All but the title story have appeared in magazines.

McInnes, G.C. Sushila. Putnam. $3.95.
Daughter of an American mother and a Hindu father, alluring Sushila wanted primarily to be a recognized artist, which she achieved in her short life, this colorful, flashing novel impressionistically depicts.

Murdoch, Iris. The sandcastle. Viking. $3.95.
When a charming young woman, Rain Carter, is commissioned to paint a portrait of the retired headmaster of an English boys' school, she almost succeeds in freeing Bill Mor, Latin and history teacher, from

his domineering wife, as this subtle, finely written story relates.

Narayan, R.K. The printer of Malgudi. Michigan State Univ. $3.50.
Unable to pay his bills, the proprietor of the Truth Printing Works in South India, undertakes motion picture production but this gentle satire finds him and the philosophical editor of the weekly Banner each returning to his trade.

YP Oliver, Jane, pseud. The lion is come. Putnam. $3.75.
R Dramatic re-creation of the historic period when Robert Bruce and his men struggled for Scotland's freedom.

Plievier, Theodor. Berlin; tr. by Louis Hagen and Vivian Milroy. Doubleday. $4.50.
As in Stalingrad (1945) and Moscow (1954), a brilliant kaleidoscope emerges, here vivifying the historic downfall of the Third Reich and the horrifying effect on different persons of the Russian occupation of Berlin in World War II. Adult reading.

PR *Porter, Graham. Small wonder. Macmillan. $3.50.
H Told from the husband's viewpoint, this is the entertaining tale of the modern young Templetons' chaotic months as they await the arrival of their first child. Condensed version in The Reader's Digest.

YP *Richter, Conrad. The lady. Knopf. $3.
R Young Jud in late 19th century New Mexico is the narrator of this haunting, artistically written tale of the bitter enmity between his cousin Albert's wife, beautiful, imperious Dona Ellen, and her brother-in-law, Lawyer Beasley, whose vicious efforts to wreak her downfall have an unexpected outcome.

YP *Styles, Showell. His was the fire. Vanguard. $3.75.
RH Skilfully constructed, absorbing historical novel depicting Sir John Moore, a noted British general, through the eyes of disparate people whom he influenced during his career from the American Revolution to the Napoleonic Wars.

PR Van de Water, F.F. This day's madness. Washburn. $3.95.
H What happens when an architect in an upstate New York town discovers that the wife of the Academy's new headmaster is his former fiancee is told in a witty satire on the sophisticated, scandal-loving set.

1957 CHILDREN'S SPRING BOOK FESTIVAL AWARDS

Picture Books (Ages 4 to 8), PRIZE WINNER: Madeline and the bad hat, by Ludwig Bemelmans; HONOR WINNERS: Cheerful, by Palmer Brown; Kevin, by Mary Chalmers; The Mellops go flying, by Tomi Ungerer; The March wind, by Inez Rice, pictures by Vladimir Bobri. Middle-Aged Books (Ages 8 to 12), PRIZE WINNER: Gone-away lake, by Elizabeth Enright; HONOR WINNERS: Flaming arrows, by William O. Steele; Hortense, the cow for a queen, by Natalie Savage Carlson, Fairwater, by Alastair Reid; Our friend the atom, by Heinz Haber. Older Books (Ages 12 and over), PRIZE WINNER: Because of Madeline, by Mary Stolz; HONOR WINNERS: Tom Paine: freedom's apostle, by Leo Gurko; Gunilla, an arctic adventure, by Albert Viksten; The shield ring, by Rosemary Sutcliff; The Horsecatcher, by Mari Sandoz.

Free and Inexpensive
MATERIAL

Listed by Mary S. Lindsey, Reference Section

A Miscellany

Baughman, U.E. The United States secret service: what it is and what it does. Superintendent of Documents. U. S. Government Printing Office. Washington 25, D.C. 1955. 28p. 20¢.

Corson, J.J. and McConnell, J.W. Economic needs of older people. Reprint. The Twentieth Century Fund, Inc. 330 West 42d St., New York 36. 1956. 465-507p. 25¢.

Giving U.S.A.: a compilation of facts relating to American philanthropy. American Association of Fund-raising Counsel, Inc. 500 Fifth Ave., New York 36. Jan. 1957. 40p. Free.

Joseph, Alexander. Rockets into space ... the story of rockets and the exciting possibilities of space travel. Science Research Associates, Inc. 57 West Grand Ave., Chicago 10. 1955. 46p. 60¢.

Salamone, Anthony. Retiring into a fuller life. Midwest Technical Publications. St. Louis, Mo. 1956. 47p.

Shaffer, H.B. Trading stamp boom. (Report vol. 1, no. 22) Editorial Research Reports. 1011 Twentieth St., N.W. Washington, D.C. June 14, 1956. 411-427p. 75¢.

Straw hat: 1957 guide to summer theatres, musical tents, Shakespeare festivals. An invaluable handy guide to the booming straw hat circuit; covers Cape Cod to California, including Canada; how to get there, ticket data, restaurants, hotels and motels ... ed. by David Dachs. Greenberg, Publisher. 201 East 57th St., New York 22. 1957. 112p. $1.65.

Vomacka, Charles. Money converter and tipping guide for travel in the Americas (incl. U.S. and Canada) Dover Publications, Inc. Dept. LAN. 920 Broadway, New York 10. 1956. 128p. 65¢.
Also available for European countries.

Vredenburg, H.L. Trading stamps. (Report no. 21) Bureau of Business Research. Indiana University School of Business. Bloomington, Indiana. 1956. 159p. $2.

What you should know about the military reserve: helpful facts for employer and employee. Commerce Clearing House, Inc. New York 36. 1956. 64p. $1.

AUDIO-VISUAL SUGGESTIONS FOR LIBRARIES

From the Bureau of Audio and Visual Aids
New York State Education Department

OFF THE RECORD

In February, 1956 The Bookmark published a comprehensive list of disc and tape recordings of potential value in language instruction for both in-school and out-of-school uses. At that time three lists were prepared involving: first, recordings designed to accompany textbooks; second, recordings useful for the adult studying alone; and finally, suggested titles for language laboratories and libraries.

The following are addenda to these lists since the earlier date of publication:

NAME	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Foundation Course in French	Fraser and Squair	D. C. Heath Company 180 Varick St., N.Y. 14
Pronunciation of French	Jeanne Varney Pleasants	Goldsmith's Music Shop 401 West 42nd St., N.Y. 36
Beginning Spanish Course	Barton and Tyler	D. C. Heath Company
Foundation Course in Spanish	Laurel Herbert Turk	D. C. Heath Company

The adult studying alone has entirely different problems from those encountered in the classroom. The following recordings may be useful for this large group:

TITLE	PUBLISHER
French as You Hear It	Zodiac
French for Travel	Columbia
French through Pictures	Educational Services
Listen and Learn French	Dover
Living French	Greystone
German through Pictures	Educational Services
Listen and Learn German	Dover
Living German	Greystone
Hebrew through Pictures	Educational Services
Italian as You Hear It	Zodiac
Listen and Learn Italian	Dover
Living Italian	Greystone
Listen and Learn Spanish	Dover
Living Spanish	Greystone
Spanish as You Hear It	Zodiac
Spoken Spanish	A-V Tape Libraries

Finally, there are those recordings suitable for consideration for inclusion in library and in language laboratory collections. The following are worthy of your consideration:

TITLE	DISTRIBUTOR
Gems of Wit, Wisdom, and Beauty in French	Spanish Music Center 1291 Avenue of the Americas New York 19
Songs in French for Children	Columbia Records, Inc.
Gems of Wit, Wisdom, and Beauty in German	Spanish Music Center
Introduction to German	Wilmac Recorders 921 East Green Street Pasadena 1, California
The Hebrew Language	Folkways Records 117 West 46th Street New York 36 or Phonotapes, Inc. 248 West 49th Street New York 19
Caesar	Folkways or Phonotapes
Antologia Poetica por Federico Garcia Lorca	Spanish Music Center
Literatura Colombiana (drama y comedia)	Spanish Music Center
Mexican Folk Songs	Spanish Music Center
Pasos por el Mundo Espanol	D. C. Heath Company
Spanish Intonation Exercises	Linguaphone Institute 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York 20
Spanish Pronunciation	Wilmac Recorders
Spoken Spanish, Elementary Course	A-V Tape Libraries 730 Fifth Avenue New York 19
	Max U. Bildersee

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AUDIO-VISUAL SUGGESTIONS FOR LIBRARIES

From the Bureau of Audio and Visual Aids
New York State Education Department

MAN SEARCHES OUTER SPACE

Man has always shown interest in the "great beyond," but only within the past few years have his efforts been directed toward the actual physical achievement of his goal as indicated through the design of space vehicles of various types. The following 16 mm. sound motion picture films pertain to man's reaching out into outer space. All films may be obtained from the sources listed. This Department does not have any of the films listed.

Exploring the Universe - 11 minutes - Encyclopaedia Britannica Films.
Demonstrates the principles and construction of telescopes. Galaxies and galactic rotation are shown in animation. Presents the theory of the expanding universe.
Sources: A.M.N.H., Association, Syracuse.

The Moon - 11 minutes - Encyclopaedia Britannica Films.
Through animation and other devices the story of the moon is dynamically presented. Lunar phenomena are clarified.
Sources: A.M.N.H., Ideal, Syracuse.

The Solar Family - 11 minutes - Encyclopaedia Britannica Films.
Describes, with animated drawings, the evolution of the solar system according to the planetesimal hypothesis. The real and apparent motions of the planets are portrayed. Special phenomena are presented.
Sources: A.M.N.H., Ideal, Syracuse.

The Infinite Universe - 10 minutes - Almanac.
How far is infinite? How big is space? How fast is light? The concepts of astronomical time, space, speed and size are illustrated. An effort is made to reduce these space-time concepts to common, everyday dimensions.
Source: Almanac.

The Solar System - 10 minutes - Coronet Films.
Names of the planets, their relative size, distances from the sun and the forces at work in the solar system are presented. A scale model of the solar system is used for clearer visualization.
Source: Ideal, Syracuse.

How Many Stars - 11 minutes - Moody.
The study of the entire material universe is approached through the age-old question: How many stars are there? The film takes the student on a trip into space.
Source: Syracuse.

Horizon Unlimited - 20 minutes - Martin Aircraft.
Traces the history of rocket flight. Film speculates on the future of space travel.
Source: Modern. (loan)

Star Gazers - 10 minutes - Academic.
Highlights of Galileo's career introduce an account of man's search into the wonders of the universe.
Source: Academic

SOURCES

Almanac
Almanac Films, Inc.
516 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

A.M.N.H.
American Museum of Natural History
79th Street at Central Park West
New York 24, New York

Association
Association Films
Broad at Elm
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Ideal
Ideal Pictures Corporation
233 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Modern
Modern Talking Picture Service
45 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Syracuse
Educational Film Library
Syracuse University
Building D-7, Collendale Area
Syracuse 10, New York

Paul T. Williams

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DIG OR DELVE

Baumann, Hans. Caves of the great hunters. Pantheon. $3.
Beautifully illustrated and excitingly told adventure of the discovery of the Lascaux Caves by four French boys and one dog, Robot. (6-9)

Dudley, Ruth Hubbell. Sea shells. Crowell. $2.50.
Whys and hows to maintain a shell collection. Includes useful information on values of shells. Well-illustrated. (3-7)

Eisenberg, Azriel. The great discovery. Abelard. $2.50.
The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls by two 12-year-old boys has proven to be of great historical value. Can lead others to explore sources near home for ancient Indian relics and fossils. (4-7)

Huntington, Harriet E. Let's go to the seashore. Doubleday. $2.75.
Fine guide, in text and photographs, to exploration of the seashore for younger children. (2-5)

Hightower, Florence. Mrs. Wappinger's secret. Houghton. $3.
Humorous summer story of an 11-year-old boy and an eccentric old lady who dig for treasure — and find it! (4-7)

Jessup, Ronald. The wonderful world of archaeology. Garden City Books. $2.95.
Combines fine art, clear diagrams, and lucid text. Result -- fascinating account of wonders and adventures exploring the "under-world" of land and sea. (5-12)

Marshall, Dean. Dig for a treasure. Dutton. $2.75.
An anticipated boring summer becomes high adventure when eight children find buried treasure on their invisible island. (4-6)

Robertson, Gladys Vondyn. Strange sea life. Holt. $2.50.
Many hours can be well spent exploring the sea and its mysteries using this fine guide to under- and above-water life. (6-9)

Sterling, Dorothy. The story of caves. Doubleday. $2.50.
Spelunking (cave exploring) is all-year round fun provided one knows the rules. Well-written, well-illustrated, fine guide to this new sport. (4-8)

Verrill, Alpheus Hyatt. Strange sea shells and their stories. Page. $3.50. Strange creatures of the sea. Page. $3.75.
How the unusual inhabitants of the sea grow and develop. Clear illustrations and interesting stories of these living things. (6-9)

White, Anne Terry. Lost worlds; adventures in archaeology. Random. $3.95.
"Modern classic" of the wonders of the ancient world — digging into the past. (6-9)

Barbara D. Block, Librarian, Dobbs Ferry Elementary School,
for the Children's and Young People's Section, NYLA;
Mabel B. Bell, Chairman, Book Committee.

A SELECTED LIST OF *Recent Accessions*

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These titles of general interest, which the smaller library may not have purchased, may be borrowed from the New York State Library. Please use call numbers as indicated when requesting books.

BIOGRAPHY

Fisher, I.N. My father, Irving Fisher. New York, Comet Press Books [1956] 352p. 330.92 F5337f

Gauss, C.F. The papers of Christian Gauss, edited by Katherine Gauss Jackson and Hiram Haydn. New York, Random House [1957] 373p. 370.92 G274g

Hughes, Langston. I wonder as I wander; an autobiographical journey. New York, Rinehart [1956] 405p. 818.5 H89i

Russell, Phillips. Jefferson, champion of the free mind. New York, Dodd, Mead, 1956. 374p. 973.46 Zj4r9

BUSINESS AND TAXATION

American Management Association. Establishing an integrated data-processing system: blueprint for a company program. New York [1956] 183p. (Its Special report no. 11) 651.26 A51e

Fladager, V.L. The selling power of packaging. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1956. 131p. 658.7884 F573

Fuchs, J.R. Constructive taxation for free enterprise; a study of what is "mine, thine & ours." New York, Exposition Press [1956] 159p. 336.226 F951

HUMAN RELATIONS

Harvard business review. Human relations for management, the newer perspective. Edited by Edward C. Bursk. New York, Harper [1956] 372p. 658.3 H339

Industrial Relations Research Association. Research in industrial human relations; a critical appraisal. Editorial board: Conrad M. Arensberg [and others] New York, Harper [1957] 213p. (Its Publication no. 17) 331.1072 I42

OLYMPIC GAMES

Abrahams, H.M. The Olympic games book. London, J. Barrie, 1956. 224p. 796.4 A159

Grombach, J.V. Olympic cavalcade of sports. New York, Ballantine Books [1956] 216p. 796.4 G875

TEXAS AND THE WEST

Athearn, R.G. William Tecumseh Sherman and the settlement of the West. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press [1956] 371p. 973.709 S55a

Bollaert, William. William Bollaert's Texas, edited by W. Eugene Hollon and Ruth Lapham Butler. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press [1956] 423p. (The American exploration and travel series, 21) 917.64 B691

Descola, Jean. The conquistadors. New York, Viking Press, 1957. 404p. 980 D448

Siegel, Stanley. A political history of the Texas Republic, 1836—1845. Austin, University of Texas Press, 1956. 281p. 976.4 S571

THE WORKER

Abruzzi, Adam. Work, workers, and work measurement. New York, Columbia University Press, 1956. 318p. 658.571 A164w

Kornhauser, A.W. When labor votes, a study of auto workers [by] Arthur Kornhauser and others. New York, University Books [1956] 352p. 331.881292 K84

Kuhn, Alfred. Labor: institutions and economics. New York, Rinehart [1956] 616p. 331 K96

MISCELLANEOUS

Dempsey, James. Mission on the Nile. New York, Philosophical Library [1956] 247p. 276.2 D389

Dunn, Laurence. The world's tankers. London, A. Coles, in association with G.G. Harrap; New York, J. De Graff [1956] 176p. 623.824 D923w

Gross, I.H. ed. Potentialities of women in the middle years by Robert J. Havighurst [and others. East Lansing] Michigan State University Press, 1956. 198p. 396 G878

Hatch, Alden. Remington Arms in American history. New York, Rinehart [1956] 359p. 683 H361

Hatch, J.C. New from Africa. London, D. Dobson [1956] 123p. 960 H361

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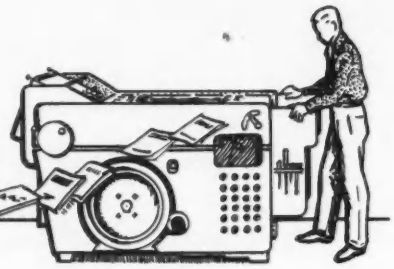

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*Available free to libraries within New York State, and on exchange to libraries outside of New York State, from New York State Library, Gift and Exchange Section, Albany 1, New York. Other publications may be obtained from issuing office.

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*___ Bureau of Elementary Curriculum Development. The Language arts; a handbook for teachers in elementary schools, kindergarten, grades 1-6. Revised edition 1957. 1957. 262p.

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PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT. OF. Highways, waterways, public buildings. (1957) Folder.

*STATE, DEPT. OF. Local laws of the cities, counties and villages in the State of New York enacted during the year 1955. 1956. 587p.

STATE BUILDING CODE COMMISSION. In urban renewal, too, a good building code can make the difference. (1957) (2p)

STATE COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS, Cornell University, Ithaca. The Club leader and the parents (by) Wilma Beyer Heinzelman. (1957) 7p. (Cornell 4-H Club bulletin 112, March 1957. Guiding the 4-H Club: number 4)

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*STATE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR RELATIONS, Cornell University, Ithaca. Compensation of industrial workers for jury service, by Robert L. Aronson. (1957) (10p) (Reprint series number 52, reprinted from Labor Law Journal, February 1957)

*___ Problems of industrial sociology by William F. Whyte. (1957) (13p) (Reprint series no. 51, reprinted from Social Problems, Vol. IV, No. 2, October 1956)

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For Your Information

GENERAL NEWS

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ATTENTION: ALL LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES

WANTED!

Candidates for the L. Marion Moshier Award for Distinguished Librarianship

Anyone seeing a suitable candidate in a rural or small community, please communicate at once with Mrs. Lillian Van Mater, Chairman of the County Library Development Committee of the New York Library Association. Names and qualifying statements of accomplishments should reach Mrs. Van Mater before August 1. (Address: Director, Hempstead Public Library, Hempstead, L.I., New York)

This will be the second annual award for distinguished librarianship to a librarian serving in a rural area or community and will be presented during the NYLA Conference to be held at Hotel Sheraton-Ten Eyck, Albany, Oct.16-19. The award consists of a certificate of merit and an honorarium of $50 to facilitate attendance at the annual NYLA Conference. It was initiated by the staff of the New York State Library Extension Division and has the continuing sponsorship of the New York Library Association. Once again the County Library Development Committee has agreed to select the award winner. No member of the Library Extension Division is eligible to participate in the selection.

The 1956 award was made to Mabel P. Shorey, librarian of the Corinth Free Library.

Staff Notes: On May 23 Jean L. Connor was promoted to the position of Associate Library Supervisor in charge of Section B of Public Libraries Section of the Division pending Civil Service examination. She will be coordinating the activities of the Division under the Federal Library Services Act. Miss Connor was formerly Senior Library Supervisor for the Western area of the State. — Heath Babcock, Associate Librarian, and Miles Raisig, of the Medical Library staff, attended the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association at the Hotel Statler in New York City, May 6-10. Miss Babcock, chairman of the Committee on Standards for Medical Librarianship during 1956-57, has now been appointed a member of the Awards Committee of the Association. — A newcomer to the Reference Desk is Mary Jennings, recently appointed Assistant Librarian in Reference.

Miss Jennings was formerly Junior Librarian in the Periodical Section. — Marjorie Bleibtrey has joined the staff as typist under the Federal Aid program.

New Regents Inducted: On April 24, 1957, Everett J. Penny of White Plains and Chester H. Lang of Schenectady, new members of the Board of Regents, were inducted by Chief Justice Albert Conway of the Court of Appeals. The Bible used, a 1664 imprint, was formerly the property of Sir William Blackstone, the famous jurist, and bears his signature. The Bible was presented to the State Library by Mrs. William Gorham Rice, daughter of former Chancellor Pruyn. Roger W. Straus of New York City has been elected Chancellor of the Board of Regents and John F. Brosnan, also of New York City, Vice Chancellor. Former Chancellor John P. Myers of Plattsburgh and Chancellor Emeritus William J. Wallin have retired.

Demonstration Bookmobile: As a part of its plan under the Federal Library Services Act, New York State has a bookmobile for free loan to rural areas. Books, maintenance, operation and two staff members will be provided by the Library Extension Division. One area will be selected by the Division to receive this bookmobile service free for a period of no less than 12 months and no more than 18 months, on the following basis: A plan shall be submitted to the Division for the use of the bookmobile for free public library service in rural communities under 10,000 population. Plans will be judged by the degree of interest in library planning in the area; the probable success of the demonstration; the need of the area and the part the bookmobile will play in assisting the area to develop a sound library system.

On the basis of plans received by August 1, 1957, the Library Extension Division will select the demonstration area. Announcement will be made by August 15, 1957. The area selected must by the October meeting of its County Board or Boards of Supervisors secure the vote of the Supervisors and that of a sufficient number of library boards of trustees to qualify as a county or multi-county system under Education Law 272-273. In the event no new county or multi-county system is established by October, the Library Extension Division will give consideration to existing systems serving rural areas and to other areas where a bookmobile demonstration would seem to hold the most promise of culminating in a library system. The area County Board or Boards of Supervisors must agree to vote within 12 months on whether or not to support a similar bookmobile program with local funds, as an integral part of their county or multi-county library system.

The bookmobile will be operated on a maximum of a 16-day public service schedule, per month, in the demonstration area and the other days it will be used for exhibit purposes elsewhere in the State and for necessary maintenance. The bookmobile capacity will be approximately 3,500 volumes. The bookmobile will loan books, periodicals, records and films. The materials used to stock the bookmobile during the demonstration period will remain state-owned. The staff of the bookmobile will consist of one librarian and the driver. The area may need to finance part-time clerical assistance. The librarian will give reading guidance and information service as an integral part of the bookmobile demonstration. For further information contact: Library Extension Division, Albany 62-2641, Ext. 343.

State Library Display: Among the items of interest on display in the rotunda of the State Library in connection with the Alexander Hamilton, Regent,

exhibition are the famous papers found in Major Andre's boots. There were 12 of these papers: two in Benedict Arnold's handwriting describe the works at West Point, and the artillery orders and disposition in case of war. Other papers are the "Return of ordnance at West Point and its dependencies," an estimate on the number of men necessary to man the works at West Point, and various passes given by Arnold to Joshua Smith and to "Mr. John Anderson" who was Major Andre. Alexander Hamilton is said to have received the papers and turned them over to General Washington.

1956 a Big Year for RLSC: Through the 65 public libraries in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties people in the North Country: borrowed 443,445 Regional Library books; enjoyed 291,668 viewings of Regional Library films; had 18,366 books cataloged by the Regional Library; received 921 books borrowed from other nearby libraries; viewed 11 Regional Library TV programs; obtained special bookmarks, book lists and displays through the Regional Library. The libraries themselves were visited every week by the delivery truck and 266 times by the Regional Library staff. There were also 15 workshops held for librarians and trustees.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Jean L. Connor and I. Marie Gustafson, Library Extension

Albany. A committee has been formed to seek the establishment of a Guilderland Town Library.

Brooklyn. The rehabilitated Brownsville Children's Branch has been reopened as the Stone Avenue Branch.

Broome. The Citizens' Committee working for the establishment of a county library in Broome has met with the Boards of Trustees of four different libraries. "Books for All," the new county film, was presented each time as part of the promotion. Present plans call for the completion of committee visits before the end of May. Your Home Library in Johnson City has introduced a Musical Recreation Program called "I love music" for children between the ages of 8 and 13.

Chautauqua. The Chautauqua County Book Cooperative sponsored an institute in Jamestown on April 30. Over 40 persons from 18 communities attended.

Columbia. The East Chatham Public Library has transferred its property to the Chatham Public Library.

Delaware. Beginning the week of April 15, the anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, an exhibit commemorating the occasion was on display in the Museum of the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library at Hancock. The newspapers used in the exhibit were the gift of Charles L. Read of Chatham.

Erie. Ralph A. Ulveling, Director, and Charles M. Mohrhardt, Associate Director, of the Detroit Public Library have made a report on essential features and location for the prospective new Central Library building for the Buffalo Public Library. -- Ground breaking for the new Niagara

Branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library took place on April 8. The building is expected to cost $232,000 and to be ready early next year. — The Western New York Library Association met on May 18 in East Aurora. Joseph B. Rounds discussed the new ALA standards and the film, "Books for All," was shown. — The Lancaster Public Library, where much of the new county movie, "Books for All," was filmed, held a special showing of the film on May 1.

Jefferson. The Watertown Little Theater gave a benefit for the Carthage Free Library on March 30. — A ground breaking ceremony for the Dexter Free Library was held on April 16.

Lewis. The Lowville Free Library sponsors a weekly radio concert of recorded classical music.

Monroe. The Irondequoit Library Association opened the new East Irondequoit Branch Library on May 17. This branch replaces the Laurelton and Ridgewood Branches. It is located in space donated by the B. Forman store in their new branch in the Calver Ridge Shopping Center. — The 5th anniversary of the Monroe County Library System was observed at a dinner meeting for trustees and librarians of Monroe County in Rochester on May 13. There was a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of library boards and librarians and how to prepare a library budget. The meeting was attended by 60 persons. — The Rochester Public Library is planning a new branch library building on Dewey Ave. to replace the Lake Ave. Branch. — In a recruiting effort, the Rochester Public Library played host to 600 young people, members of high school library clubs in Rochester and Monroe County. — The Friends of the Rochester Public Library will present their first annual literary award to Samuel Hopkins Adams on May 27. Dr. Louis Jones, Director of the New York State Historical Association, will be the speaker. — A library career day was held for the pages of the Rochester Public Library on April 25. — The Rochester Public Library and the University of Rochester are co-sponsoring a television film program, "Music as a Language."

Nassau. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Floral Park Public Library was held on March 28. The Footlight Players presented a program. — The B'nai B'rith first annual citizenship award was presented to Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, chief librarian of the Freeport Memorial Library. — The Levittown Library is renting additional space for administrative offices and bookmobile facilities. A reference reading room is being established.

New York. The New York Public Library has issued a new edition of the book list, "Books about Negro Life for Children." The list, which is intended as a tool for teachers, parents, librarians and others concerned with the role of books in intercultural education, was compiled by Mrs. Augusta Baker, Storytelling Specialist.

Niagara. The Niagara Falls Public Library initiated bookmobile service in December to supplement the branch library system. The shelving will house approximately 2,000 volumes.

Onondaga. A set of Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalogs on microfilm has been presented by the company to the Syracuse Public Library, covering the

period from 1892 to 1956. — The formal opening and dedication of the Fairmount Community Library was held in the Fairmount Junior High School.

St. Lawrence. Dr. J.M. Stycos of St. Lawrence University spoke on Puerto Rico at the annual banquet of the Women's Library Association, Benton Library, Canton, on April 8. An exhibit of amateur paintings has been on view at the Canton Free Library. — The Hepburn Library, Lisbon, had an exhibit of historical items arranged by the 7th grade Historical Society Club. The display was seen by over 100 members of the St. Lawrence County Junior Historical Club. — The new Friends of the Norwood Library have organized work committees. They have secured an increased appropriation from the town, as a result of a telephone campaign. — The Ogdensburg Public Library had an Easter Egg Tree.

Schoharie. Some 50 members of the Hudson Mohawk Library Association met on May 11 at the State University Institute, Cobleskill. The morning session's panel discussion on recruiting for professional occupations included librarianship. Alice Hastings, librarian of Albany State Teachers College, moderated the panel comprised of Dr. Charles W. Hunt, President Emeritus, State University Teachers College, Oneonta; Henry Hutton, Engineering Recruiting Office, General Electric Company, Schenectady; Mrs. Cecile Platt, student in Department of Librarianship, State University College for Teachers, Albany. Following luncheon on the campus, the group viewed "Books for All."

Steuben. The Steuben Library Association spring meeting on May 9 was attended by 40 persons. An afternoon session was held in the Corning Glass Center. In the evening Miss Mary Helen Mahar, professor of library education at Geneseo State College, and Mr. A.M. Holroyd, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Livingston County Library, were the speakers.

Suffolk. A planning committee for a county library of the Suffolk County Library Association is meeting on June 6 in Riverhead.

Tompkins. The executive committee of the library planning group for Tompkins County met in Ithaca on May 8. — At the annual meeting of the Southern Tier Library Club on May 3 in Ithaca, Mrs. Marion Mac Rorie of Elmira was elected President; Charles Underhill of Corning, Vice President; Mrs. L. W. Lunn of Waverly, Secretary; and Howard Brentlinger, Ithaca, Treasurer.

Westchester. The 20th annual meeting of the Westchester Library Association was held in Scarsdale on May 8. At the afternoon session Dr. John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation, spoke on "Educated Talent in American Life." — The Mount Vernon Public Library exhibited during May Masonic material in connection with the 100th anniversary of a local lodge. Another exhibit was on "Textiles - Past and Present."

"Bibliotherapy—the right book for the right patient at the right time—can do one of several things. It can give information, such as a book on mental hygiene; it can give diversion, such as a mystery; it can give inspiration, such as a poem; it can give vicarious experiences, such as a book on travel; and it can offer a means of identification with a character in a novel or a biography. A patient may be able to release pent-up emotion as he reads, he may gain real insight through reading certain passages or he may gain confidence by relating his new information to others. Conversation started from shared reading may help him socialize and be a more interesting companion.

"Bibliotherapy is not yet a science; it is an art. Many intervening variables confront the bibliotherapist. For example, books differ in reading level, size of print, point of view, plot, size, weight, timeliness and literary merit. Patients differ in reading ability, intelligence and social, educational, religious, cultural and environmental background as well as age, sex, interests and needs.

"To combine the two main ingredients skillfully—the book and the patient—takes coordinated team effort, specialized training and experience, years of versatile reading, a sense of timing and good salesmanship. In actual practice, bibliotherapists pick out the significant variables and fit the book to the patient, never the patient to the book.

"What are the results of bibliotherapy? Menninger, 20 years ago, found a positive correlation between the improvement and recovery of a patient and his new or renewed interest in books. Bibliotherapists have observed nothing that would conflict with this observation today. Many Veterans Administration Hospital librarians are currently working on research studies in bibliotherapy; the findings will begin to appear in the literature this year. Policies and standards for bibliotherapy are being reevaluated and reviewed by the Bibliotherapy Committee of the Hospital and Institution Library Division of the American Library Association for presentation at the 1957 meeting in Kansas City.

"Bibliotherapy—the use of books and other reading activities in the treatment of patients—is a stimulating, fascinating part of hospital librarianship."

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